

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of Sept. 12, 2006.

The Office has rejected the claims under 35 USC § 101, as not being directed to statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The Applicants have reviewed the claims, and amendments have been introduced to recite that the methods are “computer implemented”, and support for this limitation is found throughout the as-filed application. This amendment is submitted to overcome the rejection, as the claims are not directed to eligible subject matter.

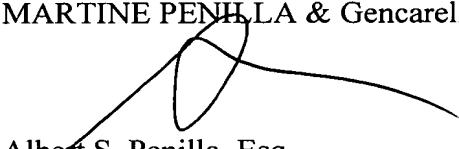
However, it is noted that the Examiner noted that the claims are directed to non- real world tangible results. The Examiner is kindly referred to the PTO’s Guidelines for examining software related invention. **OG Notices: 22 November 2005**; “Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility.” As supported by the Guidelines, the claims are directed to statutory subject matter, the claims are not directed to a judicial exception (*e.g.*, laws of nature, abstract ideas, or a natural phenomenon), and the “computer implemented” processing transforms physical data and implements hardware to carry out the aspects of the claimed invention. Based on these brief comments, the Applicants submit that the amended claim are patentable over Section 101, and withdraw of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for entering the Terminal disclaimer and for withdrawing the rejections noted in the last office action.

Accordingly, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP212D). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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